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In re Patent Application of:
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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION (37 C.F.R. § 1.116)

MS Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated January 13, 2006 (Paper No. 20060106), for which a response was due on July 13, 2006. In response to this same final Office Action dated January 13, 2006, a Notice of Appeal and reply was timely filed on July 13, 2006. Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), along with a five-months extension of time, on February 13, 2007. Applicants respectfully request that this RCE be rescinded.

Moreover, this response addresses rejections in the non-final Office Action dated April 26, 2007 (Paper No. 20070423). In addition, this response is being submitted with a Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b) (Petition). Upon grant of the Petition, this response will be timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 39 of this paper.